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Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 10:28 AM
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
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Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

1. Polluters should pay their share for the mess they have made. Though I own stocks in various companies, I do not place profit first. What is fair is corporate responsibility to clean up rather than stick the burden on overall taxpayers.
2. Though Portland is a beautiful place to live, our forests, rivers, and rich biodiversity need maintenance and solutions to become truly sustainable community. That means problems involving the Portland Harbor Superfund Site need a much - REALLY A MUCH BETTER PLAN than the EPA's draft.
3. 85% left to nature is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.
Imagine how industry loves keeping itself from paying its share via simply monitoring a plan for most of the hoped for recovery. It is ridiculous to have a plan that relies 85% on nature.
4. HARMFUL ELEMENTS - these are well-known including a plan to leave 85% of the lead, PCBs, DDT, mercury, arsenic and other contaminants in the Superfund area. SHAME!

Simply put, EPA must do better and go for a much higher percentage of active, scientifically based work paid for by the polluters. What could possibly justify letting them off the hook and putting the burden on ordinary taxpayers to clean up the mess they made.

Please revise the plan in the following ways:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including women of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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